



THE PEJIBAYE PALM, THE SOURCE OF A STAPLE FOOD IN COSTA RICA.
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The date palm, on whose fruit with the addition of a few other foodstuffs thousands of Arabs subsist for a large portion of the year, finds a tropical American counterpart in the pejibaye, which since pre-Columbian days has yielded the principal food of the Indians inhabiting southern Costa Rica. Though its cultivation is now restricted to the region between Lake Nicaragua and Ecuador, it can undoubtedly be grown in many portions of the tropical world. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, San Jose, Costa Rica, June 17, 1920; P17936FS.)